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1. [ ] White Russians in Shanghai and Harbin were compelled to join the Soviet Citizens' Association (SCA). Monthly membership dues were JMP 14,000. 25X1
2. White Russian applicants for exit visas at Soviet diplomatic offices were instructed to obtain clearances from SCA. SCA questioned each applicant for about three hours on cash and property holdings, personal history, and relatives in all countries. A contribution to SCA, usually fixed at 75 percent of the individual's total assets was requested by SCA from every applicant. Though permitted to dispute the amount requested, the applicant ran the risk of being denied SCA clearance for his exit visa. When entering the exit visa in the applicant's passport, the Soviet diplomatic office took up a receipt issued by the SCA stating that the contribution had been voluntary.

1. [ ] Comment. [ ] monthly membership dues were two percent of a member's salary, and the SCA demanded an average of JMP 500,000 from each White Russian leaving China. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. [ ] Soviet officials in Harbin ceased issuing exit visas to White Russians; and the USSR transferred to Chinese Communist jurisdiction about 16,000 White Russians in the Harbin area to be used for an exercise in the practical application of Soviet control techniques, [ ] 25X1

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